

## City of Wylie Public Information Office Media Advisory

## **Library Hosts Harry Potter's Birthday Party**

**WHAT:** Wylie's Smith Library is hosting a free celebration in honor of Harry Potter's birthday, with a costume contest, games, scavenger hunt, prizes, Sorting Hat, wands, and more.

WHEN: Friday, July 26

2 to 4 p.m. (costume contest at 3 p.m.)

WHO: All are welcome, but activities are geared toward third-through eighth-graders. Everyone is encouraged to dress as a favorite character for a costume contest at 3 p.m. Muggles, witches and wizards all have a chance to get sorted into their Hogwarts house by the Sorting Hat, they will visit Ollivander's Wand Shop, where a handcrafted wand will choose them, and they can try their luck at a potions quiz. The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center will bring live owls and transform the Storytime Room into an owlery where kids can send a birthday card to Harry or Neville. Kids will make Hogwarts house-themed ties and paper bag owls. There will be a chance to win two tickets to LeakyCon, huge, annual Harry Potter fan convention in Dallas Aug. 9-11.

WHERE: Smith Public Library 300 Country Club Rd., Bldg. 300 Wylie, Texas 75098 972-516-6250

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population almost 50,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. MONEY Magazine named Wylie the 20<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country in 2017 and 25<sup>th</sup> in 2015. Financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017. SafeWise named Wylie the ninth safest city in Texas in 2017.